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In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1655
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For: **IDENTIFICATION OF ALLELES**

RESPONSE

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the claims.

It is believed that no fees are required to file this amendment. If fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 23-38 are pending. The invention is directed to a method for preparing DNA samples for analysis to determine a nucleotide at a polymorphic locus in a nucleic acid sample by amplifying a DNA region containing a polymorphic locus using a primer pair, labeling the amplified products, and hybridizing the labeled products to a probe on a solid support. The